## INFORMATION SHEET ON THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

## NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must meet the basic requirements of the academies;

Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation for a child or other dependents.

MUST be a United States citizen.

Must be 17 years old and not have passed the 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

2. Must be a legal resident of the First Congressional District.

Military families should call the Yorktown district Office at: (757)874-6687 to verify the residency requirement.

- 3. The applicants should write to their congressional offices at the end of their junior year of high school expressing his/her interest in attending a service academy.
- 4. TAKE THE SAT! As often as possible. Have your scores sent directly to the Yorktown District Office. The First District SAT Code Number is 5740. The scoring system for the SAT has changed with the introduction of the three part test in 2005. Past scores considered as acceptable by the academies were above 1250 combined verbal and math with the math score being above 620. Overall acceptable combined scores for the new test are yet to be determined.
- 5. Additional information which may be required:

A written essay of 300 words or less entitled, "Why I Wish to Attend a United States Service Academy."

Your school transcript including your GPA and class rank.

A recent photograph. A snapshot is acceptable, but please keep it tasteful. NO sleep wear or sweat outfits!

College transcripts, if applicable.

It is a very good idea to write up a resume of your accomplishments and

activities.

Letters of recommendation. Limit-THREE.

6. Copies of communication between the academies and the applicant. This generally relates to athletic coach correspondence. This does not influence the nominations, but keeps the applicant's file current.

FIRST DISTRICT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31st...